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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed August 25, 2010. Applicants request a three-month extension of time to respond until February 25, 2011. Applicants enclose a request for Continuing Examination.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.